

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



**FISCAL MEMORANDUM**

**HB 2366 – SB 2225**

April 7, 2009

**SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (005321):** Deletes the original bill in its entirety. Shifts regulatory responsibility for commercial fishing and musseling from the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA) to the Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC). TWRA would continue to regulate commercial fishing of turtles and other aquatic life. Reduces fees for commercial fishing and musseling for residents and non-residents.

**FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:**

Decrease State Revenue – Not Significant

**FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:**

**Decrease State Revenue - \$299,400/Wildlife Resources Fund**

**Increase State Revenue - \$149,700/General Fund**

**Increase State Expenditures - \$516,600/General Fund**

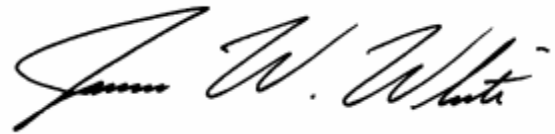
Assumptions applied to amendment:

- Annual expenditures by TWRA, under currently law, for the musseling and commercial fishing programs are approximately \$516,600. It is assumed that the cost for TDEC to administer the program will be the same. As a result, there will be a recurring increase in expenditures of \$516,600 to the General Fund.
- Annual licensing revenue, under current law, for the musseling and commercial fishing programs is approximately \$299,400. Under the provisions of this bill, there will be a decrease in revenue to the TWRA of \$299,400.
- License fee revenue will be collected by TDEC according to the provisions of the bill and will be reduced by 50 percent from the amount currently collected by TWRA. As a result, the amount of revenue generated annually by these license fees will be approximately

\$149,700. Therefore, there will be an increase in state revenue to the General Fund of \$149,700.

**CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

James W. White, Executive Director

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